

REMARKS

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because of certain informalities. In view of the amendment submitted herewith, it is believed that the rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action also rejected claims 5-13, 28-35, and 36-50 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, the Office Action asserted that the subject claims omit the essential element of a sensor ring assembly mounted at the front of the housing.

However, the sensor ring is not an essential element of the invention. As disclosed in the specification, the ring 200 has a radial groove 210 that receives the wiring for a photosensor 212 which is part of an electrical control circuit (not shown) for stabilizing the light from the light source. See page 10, lines 20-24. Since the lamp could be used with an external sensor (i.e., the sensor is separate from the lamp) neither the sensor ring nor the sensor are essential elements of the invention. Moreover, the lamp could be used without a sensor although the light provided by the lamp of such an embodiment would not necessarily be stabilized. Thus, the sensor ring is not an essential element.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner also stated that with regard to claims 5, 28, and 36, the Applicant has sufficiently claimed and narrowly defined a lamp assembly for measuring pressure on a surface provided with pressure sensitive paint. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement that these claims are allowable. However, with regard to the alleged narrowness of the claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that the recitals of the claims determine their breadth.

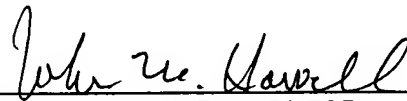
III. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and

complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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